

# Historic District Comments

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- anger expressed
- Concern about "panel" <sup>-draconian</sup>  
(board) and current  
implementation of district
- concern about what can  
and cannot be done -  
impact on housing values
- are standards Wenatchee <sup>-estate  
examples</sup>  
standards or federal standards <sub>value  
loss</sub>
- Need definition of what it  
is - what are the standards  
interior / exterior review?

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- definition of what is needed for special valuation
- definition of time needed for steps (approval of changes)
- Need understanding of historic district upon purchase in district
- Confusing and vague language  
It needs to be simplified and put in layman's language
- What needs review - landscaping  
Retaining walls?

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- Property owner options for being in or out of the district - establishment of boundaries
- Is the ~~bounda~~<sup>District</sup> perpetual?
- Supportive of District and protection of neighborhood from commercial intrusion
  - simpler plan
  - protection of curbside appeal
  - worry about standards "traveling" to alleys, etc



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- Guidelines were "loose" <sup>from vote. to ordinance</sup>  
somewhere between - rules  
went from beyond the exterior  
of the home
  - Neighborhood did not vote for  
current stringency
  - Need <sup>to</sup> understand ~~the~~ current  
ordinance language
  - Need understanding of procedures  
for disbanding — unless things  
can be simplified
  - Worry about process to make  
changes behind closed door

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Next steps —

review of draft plan:

- simpler
- clearer

review ~~at~~ on several evenings - make available

Fall → Spring timeline

Requirements for membership  
for Historic Preservation Board

Code enforcement fines can be  
be levied

Vinyl windows are an issue

Permitting process that take  
time and preclude real estate  
transactions

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- Accessibility to regulations
- Consistent application of regulations
- Ability to evolve and provide for future changes in guidelines and procedures
- Identify best communication routes
- Consistent enforcement - not overbearing
  - 112 N. Cleveland sidewalk replacement
- Chose home because of the historic district

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- Could there be a board / review committee separate from the HPB and made up of residents of neighborhood
  - Define role of board

### Specifics:

- Repairs can be made with like materials
- No HPB review for anything that doesn't require a Bldg permit
- Administrative process for those things that don't need HPB review but may require permit



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- Clear understanding of rules by staff - to answer questions when calls come in
- Acknowledgement of neighbors ~~where~~ during meetings and process
- Window needs headed into winter - emergency ~~declaration~~ needs?
- property rights back -
  - we want our vinyl windows - metal roofs - satellite dishes - repair or put up fences allowed by code - roof replacement - no more comments about "then move" common, modern materials without review of HPB
  - 15 comment
  - perhaps letter?
  - 50 letters, 30 visits, many emails,



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- Need to develop trust between residents and HPBoard
- Code language is difficult to decipher
- But code is protection for neighboring properties
- Nebulous list of materials - needs to be defined and clear
- Suggestion to go back to the intent and simple guidelines of this area we want to preserve
- Also with respect and without malice / name calling

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— Definition of Secretary of Interior standards

— After going through process:

- materials
- timeline
- administrative review
- tax benefit guidelines

— Email address on website

— Need process for submitting comments

— Synopsis of meeting out to residents

— what method besides mail - Grandview district need email addresses

— alternatives for

products that aren't made any more

— tree that is old

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- Additional of retaining wall
- Every homeowner should receive